

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHNNY S. LIZAMA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true public servant, Brigadier General Johnny S. Lizama, and congratulate him on his retirement from the Guam Air National Guard after 43 years of service to our island and nation.

After graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1977, Brigadier General Lizama remained determined for success and set his sights on a university degree. While earning his Bachelor of Arts in Business Management, he followed in the footsteps of his father, a Vietnam War-era sailor, and first enlisted with the Coast Guard Reserve on Guam. He then transitioned into active-duty status with the United States Air Force in 1982, where he was stationed at Eglin AFB, Florida and Beale AFB, California. Cognizant of the importance of both knowledge and experience, Brigadier General Lizama used the educational opportunities offered by the military to assist in propelling his career forward. As a graduate of the Air War College with a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University and numerous other certifications and training under his belt, Brigadier General Lizama emerged as a pillar of leadership for our community and servicemembers with unwavering resolution.

With recognitions such as a Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Army Achievement, Air Force Achievement, Air Force Commendation, Meritorious Service Medal, and Legion of Merit, Brigadier General Lizama's countless awards and decorations only offer a glimpse of his character and long history in public service. By 1988, he returned to Guam to serve in our Air National Guard, where his work, achievements, and strategic understanding of Guam assisted in its development as a world-class organization. Humbly and steadily rising through the ranks, Brigadier General Lizama paved a path from machinery technician to interior electrician, manpower specialist, services specialist, and onto his first commission as an officer in 1992.

His breadth of experience and specialties further equipped him with valuable tools to successfully lead in numerous other senior positions. In his role as former Homeland Security Advisor for the Governor of Guam, Brigadier General Lizama advanced the safety and security of Guam as the frontline for all activities in our region. His drive and professionalism further paved the way for him to write history when, in 2016, he emerged as a pioneer and became the first Chamorro Airman to be promoted and federally recognized at the rank of brigadier general in the Guam Air National Guard and the United States Air Force. Through this position, he exercised control of all Guam Air-National Guard personnel, material and fiscal resources, and advised the Adjutant General on Guard functions. As the Assistant Adjutant General and

hand-picked Commander of the Guam Air National Guard, he was also responsible for the strategic administration, coordination, planning, and development of policies and programs to ensure mission readiness units that serve local communities, State, and Nation, for both homeland and defense missions.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Brigadier General Lizama's leadership has also been critical to our public and the Guam National Guard's response to the dynamic needs of our government and community. Establishing yet another milestone for our community as the first Guam dual-status commander for Joint Task Force 671 appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Governor of Guam, he oversaw the operations for all service members, federal entities, and local agencies responding to the pandemic on the island. Further working with Guam Homeland Security and FEMA to assess and plan current and future operations and missions which target flattening the curve, he embodies the definition of selflessness and fortitude.

Throughout his journey and with every success, Brigadier General Lizama has never failed to demonstrate the defining humility of a true servant leader. He credits his inspiration and achievements to his faith, the deep love he shares with his resilient parents and parents-in-law, Eloy L.G. and Dolores S. Lizama, Tomas G. and Delores C. San Nicolas, Dee, his wife of over 37 years, their children, Major (USAF) Keith and his wife Paula-Jean, Lieutenant (USN) Kimberly and her husband Jonathan, Airman First Class (USAF) Cody and Rico, and his four grandchildren, Taehlyn-Jean, Urijah-John, Logan-James and Brendan-Jacob, and the sons and daughters of Guam.

Brigadier General Johnny Lizama served our island and nation with much honor, actively transformed Guam and its Air National Guard, and continues to inspire many members of our community. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation for his commitment to our country. I sincerely thank Brigadier General Lizama for his many years of service and sacrifice, congratulate him on his well-earned retirement, and wish him the best as he enters a new chapter in his life.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF PAUL O. REIMER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Paul O. Reimer, a California native who was born on July 15, 1927, and died on April 25, 2021, at his home in Portola Valley, California, at the age of 93.

Paul was the only child of Ruby and Paul Reimer and was raised in Alturas, California. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and was assigned to the University of Idaho to learn basic engineering. After basic training he was sent to Japan and Korea. After his WWII service, Paul earned a Civil Engineering degree at the University of Nevada. It was at Reno that he met his wife, Kathryn Ann Brennan, and where he developed strong loyalties

to his professors and friends, and he was a very proud and supportive alum.

Paul and Kathryn married in 1951 and moved to Palo Alto, California. They had three children, Mark, Ted (who died in 2018), and Kristie. Kay died in 2005, and Paul is survived by Mark and his wife Ana, daughter Kristie, seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Paul formed Reimer Associates, Consulting Civil Engineers, in 1976, and went far beyond engineering design services. He was joined at the firm by his daughter Kristie in 1990, and together they gained national recognition for their work with the communities impacted by the Base Realignment and Closure Committee. Paul was a member of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force and appointment to this nine-member Task Force required House and Senate confirmation. He was an active member of many professional societies and received many honors for his work.

Paul gave back to his community through his work researching the path that Gaspar de Portola took during his 1769 expedition to the San Mateo and San Francisco County coasts, and through his long service with the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District and the Peninsula Open Space Trust.

Madam Speaker, Paul Reimer has been described as a poet, a wit, a true gentleman, a gifted engineer, a gracious host, a best friend, and most importantly, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and godfather. He was a great and good man who made his community and his country better places for all of us. I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to his family and in honoring the life of this extraordinary American.

SUB AND BOWL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, to recognize the Sub and Bowl restaurant for their 20 years of service to the Golden Hill Office Center and its tenants. This local, minority-owned small business in Lakewood, Colo. will be closing after two decades of service.

Sub and Bowl opened its doors in 2001 and has served the numerous tenants of the Golden Hill Office Center with American and Korean meals for breakfast and lunch. It has survived quite a few challenges over the last 20 years, including the Great Recession and most recently, the COVID 19 pandemic which kept workers home for many months.

I want to recognize owners Jung and Michelle for their dedication and service to the tenants of the Golden Hill Office Center: My staff and I will miss their warm greetings, conversation and great food.

I extend my gratitude to Jung and Michelle of the Sub and Bowl for their service to our community. I wish them the best in their move to Texas and all of their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF COACH BOBBY L.
WRIGHT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, Jr.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor, commend and extend personal congratulations to my friend of long-standing and my brother in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Coach Bobby L. Wright. Coach Wright, the beloved and renowned former Head Coach and Athletic Director at Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama, recently retired after 44 years as a highly respected coach, mentor and consultant. A retirement celebration was held in his honor on Friday, July 2, 2021 at Green Island Country Club in Columbus, Georgia.

Bobby L. Wright graduated from Buena Vista High School in Marion County, Georgia in 1970 and from Fort Valley State College (now Fort Valley State University) in 1974. The following year, he began his stellar teaching and coaching careers at Carver High School in Columbus, Georgia serving as the Head Coach for track and Assistant Coach for football and basketball. In 1977, he was recruited and hired across the Chattahoochee River at Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama where he taught, coached, and chaired the Health and Physical Education Department. There, for 12 years he served as an Assistant Coach under the tutelage of famed Coach James Redd before taking over as the Head Coach.

During his impressive 32-year tenure as Head Coach for the Central High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, "The Red Devils" he amassed an incredible record of achievement: 4 State Championship game appearances; 8 semi-final appearances; 26 playoff appearances; and winning 8 region titles and 23 area titles. Coach Wright had a 671–221 won-loss record with his 600th win being against archrival Auburn High School in 2017. Concurrently, he served as the Defensive Coordinator for the Central High School football team for 26 years, including in 1993 when they won the Alabama State High School Football Championship title. In addition to that, Coach Wright served as the school's Athletic Director from 1998 until his retirement earlier this year.

Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Coach Wright was an educator of both. He is rooted in the belief that children need tough love as well as encouragement. As such, he was known for his discipline-first approach when coaching basketball, football, and track. He used this firm coaching style to motivate the athletes under his direction to do their best and met them with laughter and support even if they missed the mark.

Coach Wright has received countless awards and commendations for his achievements and accomplishments as a coach and educator, including a resolution on January 21, 2021 approved by the Phenix City Alabama Board of Education honoring his long and exemplary service to the Phenix City School system. But none is more impressive than his 2014 induction into the Alabama High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Coach Wright has accomplished much in his life but none of it would have been possible

without the grace of God; the love and support of his wife of almost three decades, Carolyn; his family, students and the communities in Georgia and Alabama, to which he has given so much.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest appreciation, our heartfelt congratulations and our best wishes to Coach Bobby L. Wright upon the occasion of his retirement after an outstanding 44 years impacting the lives of the countless people he has touched.

HONORING PAUL L. WILLIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Colonel Paul L. Willis from Edwards, Mississippi.

Colonel Willis graduated from Utica Junior College in 1977 and from Alcorn State University, in Lorman, Mississippi, in May 1979, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. In May 1989, Colonel Willis received his Master of Science Degree in Education from Chicago State University.

Colonel Willis was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC program at Alcorn, and in May 1979, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps. He attended numerous military schools during his career, culminating with the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Colonel Willis retired from active duty on August 1, 2004 after serving over 25 years. He assumed his current position as Director of Army Instruction at Jackson Public Schools, on July 1, 2004. During his active duty career, Colonel Willis served in locations across the U.S. and overseas, including the 1st Persian Gulf War, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and he held a variety of command and staff positions. Most notably, he served as a commander of soldiers at every level in the Army from Platoon, Company, Battalion, Brigade and culminating as Commander, Eastern Region (ROTC), U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

As Director of Army Instruction at Jackson Public Schools, Colonel Willis provides leadership and oversight for the largest JROTC program in the State of Mississippi, which has an average enrollment exceeding 1,800 cadets. The units achieve an average high school graduation rate of 95 percent and nearly 100 percent of graduates are formally accepted to post high school institutions of higher learning, with annual scholarship offerings averaging \$3.5 million.

Colonel Willis has received numerous military awards including the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star Medal. He also received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for his selection as U.S. Army Cadet Command Director of Army Instruction of the Year for 2013, the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, was inducted into the inaugural class of U.S. Army Cadet Command ROTC Hall of Fame in June 2016, and the 2019 Andrew

Jackson Council Boy Scouts of America Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award. In 2020, The Clarion Ledger Newspaper recognized him as a Community Hero and the U.S. Army Transportation Corps inducted him as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

Colonel Willis is married to the former Dorothea Torry of Utica, Mississippi, and they have two adult sons and six grandchildren. The Willis' currently reside in Utica, MS and they are the Owners/Operators of Gazebo Lake Ranch.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Colonel Paul L. Willis for his passion and dedication for success and desire to make a difference in the community.

**IN RECOGNITION OF BERYL
GEDDES**

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Beryl Geddes of Blair County, Pennsylvania as she celebrates her 100th birthday. Mrs. Geddes is a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother.

Born on July 9, 1921 in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Beryl graduated from Tyrone High School in 1939 and married Chester Geddes the following year. Beryl traveled across the country with her husband during his time in the military and later returned home to Tyrone, Pennsylvania, where she worked.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Beryl Geddes on this very special birthday and wish her many more happy, healthy years to come.

IN MEMORY OF LARRY LARISON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, my heart is heavy as I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Hoyt Humphreys "Larry" Larison, who passed away on December 11, 2020. My prayers are with Larry's family as we mourn his passing.

Born and raised in Montana, Larry was a lifelong member of the Pacific Northwest community who later planted his roots in Eastern Washington. This is how I got to know Larry as a leader and strong champion for education and entrepreneurship.

Larry committed his life to creating opportunities for the next generation of American leaders, serving on the Whitworth University School of Business Advisory Board in Spokane and sponsoring multiple annual scholarships for students across the region.

Larry was generous with not only his financial contributions but also his time and wisdom, playing an active role in various organizations throughout his life. He served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee Small Business Advisory Council under President Ronald Reagan, Director of Finance and Governance Committees for Spokane